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TURKEY IN RAID ON CHRISTIANS

Russians Save Lives of Priests And Deacons in American Mission.

WOMEN ARE TAKEN CAPTIVES

Thousands of Refugees Seek United States Quarantine For Protection.

NEW YORK. March 23.—The Persian war relief committee headquarters today received the following telegram from Tiflis, Russia:

All villages burned except three. Two Christian quarters of Urumiak plundered and a great many people killed. Women taken captive. Fifteen thousand refugees in the American mission. Great danger.

The French mission destroyed ten thousand refugees in Russia.

The message was signed by Asdanoff, a Russian contractor of Tiflis.

Urumiak is in northwestern Persia not far from the Russian border. A dispatch from Djulfa, Persia, received here March 21, said the Turkish consul at Urumiak, at the head of seventy Askaris, recently attacked the American mission there. Priests and deacons, ordered to leave the mission, were beaten; it was stated, and Russian troops had been sent for to save the lives of Christians the mission was unable to protect.

Urumiak has been in the throes of mob rule for weeks, according to reports received here by the Presbyterian board of foreign missions. A reign of terror in which marauders and bandits hold sway has driven tens of thousands from the city and have sent other thousands to the border.

Ten thousand persons were housed in the mission three weeks ago, according to information received here. These refugees included almost the entire native Christian population of the city between 4,000 and 5,000, the two or three hundred American missionaries and teachers whose activities have been conducted under the board's supervision, and a heterogeneous aggregation of foreigners.

VILLA MOVING TOWARD BORDER

CARRANZA FORCES DEFEATED IN SEVERAL BATTLES WITH GREAT LOSS OF MEN AND AMMUNITION.

EL PASO, Tex. March 23.—Official dispatches received here last night contain the information that Carranza forces commanded by Gustavo Eliando and Garcia Vigil were defeated Saturday at Montemorelos, Nuevo Leon, by Villa troops under General Felipe Angeles. The defeated troops were reported to be the main army of General Pablo Gonzales. The battle lasted for an hour and a half, general Angeles' losses amounting to 35 wounded. The Carranza losses were not reported.

General Canuto Reyes reports routing a Carranza force at Santa Domingo, Tamaulipas, capturing a quantity of ammunition and stores.

General Jose Rodriguez reports that his Villa command defeated 4,000 Carranza adherents at Los Herreros, Nuevo Leon on Thursday, inflicting heavy losses. He captured many prisoners and large quantities of ammunition.

General Villa in person is reported advancing on Matamoros, opposite Brownsville, Tex.

Official dispatches announced that General Alvaro Obregon, who recently evacuated Mexico City, was at Tula, Hidalgo state, Sunday.

HE LOVED BUT KILLED

Husband Didn't Want to See Wife and Two Children "Go Away," So He Crushed Skull With Flatiron.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. March 23.—A gate blew through the Dardanelles strait yesterday and the allied warships did not leave their anchorage, says a Harvey dispatch from Athens. The morale of the crews on the vessels of the Franco-British fleet is said to be excellent notwithstanding their losses, and they are eager to get into action.

It seems certain that Fort Cisnica, Kalesis, Hamidieh and Kildi Bahi still are capable of offering a stubborn resistance. A number of Turkish field batteries have been posted along the straits and German howitzers have been mounted on rails so they can be moved quickly to threatened points. This is supposed to explain the firing from certain forts such as Kurna Kale which were supposed to have been destroyed.

COLD WEATHER IN TEXAS RUINS YEAR'S FRUIT CROP.

MARSHALL, Tex. March 23.—With the thermometer as low as 22 degrees this week the consensus of opinion is that the Harrison county fruit crop is ruined and that the yield in the main Texas belt this year will be way below normal. The Standard Orchard company estimates that the loss in this county alone will total more than \$1,000,000. Repeated fallures have greatly disheartened the growers.

MALTA PREPARES FOR DARDANELLES WOUNDED

VALETTA, Island of Malta, March 23.—The governor of Malta has appointed local residents to take convalescents from the hospitals into their homes, thus making room in the hospitals for the wounded who are expected from the Dardanelles. The governor indicates in his communication on this subject that the present hospital facilities of the island probably will prove inadequate to the demands he expects soon will be made upon them.

LORLYS E. ROGERS AS HE LOOKS TODAY



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RUSH OF BILLS IN LAST HOURS

Many Objections Are Made To Confering Removal Power On Governor.

PASS MUSKOGEE BILL AGAIN

Printing Bill For Session Proves To Be Much Lower Than Formerly.

Amid more or less exemption among members of both branches of the legislature because of adjournment time being scheduled for 1 o'clock, noon, both branches of the Oklahoma legislature today inserted through business that had not been finished and passed a number of bills which had been brought up to final ratification.

Two of the most important measures receiving consideration at the end of the session were those giving the power to remove certain officers and that bill seeking to fix a system of laws for and regulating the business of buying and selling commodities within the state. The first measure after being discussed in the house was sent back to a conference committee and the latter the house refused to concur in the senate's amendments and was returned to the upper house.

Many of the house members were not in favor of conferring such powers upon the governor as the bill sought to do in the removal of officers. It would allow the governor to start proceedings in the supreme court through the attorney general and thus take away from the courts in which the accused may reside his right to be given a trial at his home. This was objected to by all who spoke against the bill.

Inspection Bill Passed. The house accepted the senate amendment to the commodities bill allowing the home buyers and sellers to meet competitive prices that may result in interstate commerce business, but tucked on another amendment which the senate refused to accept and the bill went back to a committee. It is doubtful if it is perfect in time to be passed by both houses.

The bill by McMechan of the senate providing for inspection of hotels and restaurants was passed in the house, was the resolution appropriating \$2,000 for the printing of extra copies of the 1910 session laws. Instructions (Continued on Last Page.)

ATTACKED WIFE STABS HUSBAND

Elmer Finlay, Railroad Brakeman Assailed His Wife and Her Mother and Was Stabbed by Wife.

Elmer Finlay, railroad brakeman was stabbed last night by his wife when he attempted to whip both her and her mother at their residence, 411 West Reno avenue, at about 7:30 o'clock. Finlay was in an intoxicated condition when the fight started, it is alleged. Although for a time he was not expected to live, the attending physician, Dr. George McLean, reported today that he was resting well and there was no plausible reason why he should not live.

Economic difficulties in the interior of the German empire are daily becoming more serious. No doubt the Germans still are far from famine, but they manifestly are hampered in obtaining a food supply and that to a great deal.

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War at a Glance

One hundred Russian prisoners of war is said at Berlin to have been made with the same fate as its predecessors. German communists say that the Russian forces which captured Memel at the outbreak of war with East Prussia have been driven back and that 200,000 Germans, including them across the border have considered the Russian retreat.

The German war office asserts the Russians have been driven back in every instance.

Apart from a few small improvements, such as have been in progress for several months in northern France and Belgium, yesterday was left in the air. Aviators of the allies attacked Ostend and German aeroplanes dropped several bombs on Rethen. The German statement says a French aviator was shot down near Verdun and another French machine forced to descend near Eiffelberg.

The opinion is expressed by Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British forces in the field that the war will not be of long duration. In an interview with a French correspondent he says that spring promises well for the allies and that he believes the Germans are losing a great deal of ammunition.

Italy is preparing rapidly for war over war result from the negotiations with Austria now represented as having reached an important stage. A recent decree issued by it is designed to suppress spies. Women are to be put to work in the places of men because of mobilization of the army.

An official Russian communication describes the battle which preceded the fall of Przemysl.

It is said that the troops left the fortess to the eastward in a final effort to break through the Russian lines at any cost but were defeated quickly. Berlin newspapers do not believe the Russian victory will be of great influence on the campaign as a whole although the fall of the city is described as a "painful blow" to the Austro-German right wing.

Unfavorable weather still prevailed at the Dardanelles yesterday and no further attacks on the Turkish fortifications were attempted. The warships of the allied fleet did not leave their anchorage.

NICHOLS TAKEN AT DOOR OF PEN

Completes Sentence From Oklahoma For Fraud and Similar Charge Is Made From South Carolina.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 23.—When W. J. Nichols, former member of the South Carolina legislature, stepped from the United States penitentiary here today after having completed a sentence for using the mails to defraud while a resident of Oklahoma, he was arrested on charges of using the mails to defraud while in South Carolina. Nichols was taken before a United States commissioner and held under \$1,000 bond for hearing at Topeka, April 12.

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OFFICES Were Abolished.

Incident to this privilege, I wish myself of the opportunity to congratulate you upon the enactment of much beneficial and constructive legislation.

The people of this state are your debtors for the faithful service rendered during this legislative session.

Your constituents will commend your legislative work as soon as its real merits are appreciated.

The careful scrutiny that you have

exercised in making appropriations is worthy of praise. While you have realized the necessity of providing for the support and maintenance of the various agencies of the state and the payment of lawful claims against the same, you have also appropriated the necessary for keeping the annual fixed charges within all reasonable bounds.

Officers Were Abolished.

During these seventy-eight days that you have been in session, you have labored incessantly and valiantly.

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DIE IN SNOW SLIDE

Thought That Fifty Were Victims of Mine Disaster; Eighteen Bodies Recovered; Americans Interested.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 23.—Upon the arrival of a steamer late today from Howe sound, no further information was expected concerning the extent of the loss of life in the snow and landslide that swept away early yesterday part of the plant of the Britannia mine, located in the Britannia beach last night brought word that the death list probably would reach the first estimate of fifty. Eighteen bodies had been recovered and twenty were known to have been injured.

Police officers who responded to a call turned into the central station directly after the fight found Finlay in a dangerous condition. The wound penetrated his left lung and death by loss of blood was feared at first. The young wife of a month Mrs. Ola Finlay was hysterical and blamed the husband for the trouble. They are economizing because the loss of nitrates necessary for the manufacture of explosives is making difficult to feed Germany.

Neither is the morale of those troops the same one gets from them an impression of fatigue and fatigued. They had based all their calculations on a sudden smashing victory. That plan failed and the state of mind of their troops had suffered as a consequence.

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DEATH FOR TWO BOYS

Only Twenty One, They Must Pay Penalty for Murder of Aged Store Keeper After Robbery.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 23.—Practically the last hope of life for Clarence Dewitt and Joe Strong, 21 years of age, sentenced Monday night when Governor Ross, after listening to arguments for and against commuting their death sentences to life imprisonment, announced he would commute their sentences only if the trial judge and prosecuting attorney in the case recommended such an action.

J. S. Eller, attorney for the prosecution, said over the gate of the state prison, he had been asked to answer the committee's questions about that business brought to Washington during the last session of congress. At that time the committee gave Mr. Ryan until today to answer its questions and announced that it proposed to invoke a statute which Clarence Welch thought covered his refusal.

Dewitt, accompanied by counsel, Mr. Ryan testified that on his visits to Washington he had not talked with senators, although his business concerned pending legislation. He refused, however, to discuss his defense directly with the committee.

"Who are the senators or representatives whom you talked?" asked Chairman Welch.

"I did not talk with any senators about it. I did talk to Representative Frost of Virginia."

The examination of Mr. Ryan was pressed no further and the committee adjourned until tomorrow.

CONTRABAND FOUND ON FINLAND FROM NEW YORK

NAPLES, via Paris, March 23.—Contraband ammunition was found aboard the steamer Finland by customs officials here according to reports printed at Naples, which said that customs guards, accompanying the steamer to Genoa to search it, as it is believed the cargo contains more contraband than was found here.

The Finland is a steamer of 7,927 which sailed from New York for Gibraltar where she arrived March 9 and then cleared for Naples and Genoa.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY AND SERBIA EXCHANGE CITIZENS

NISH, Serbia, March 23.—Through the intermediary of the American minister to Serbia, Charles J. Vopicka, Serbia and Austria-Hungary have reached an agreement for the exchange of interned civilians. These are to include men under 18 years old and over 50; all women and soldiers incapable of further military service because of sickness or wounds.

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HOUSTON TELEGRAM FILES BANKRUPTCY PETITION; QUITES

HOUSTON, Tex., March 23.—The Houston Telegram Publishing company of which former Mayor H. B. Rice is president, and Jake F. Wolters vice president, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the federal court to-day. Liabilities are placed at \$27,622. Assets are estimated at \$44,381, of which \$36,196 is personal property. Publication has been suspended.

HIGHLY PRAISED FOR GOOD WORK

Governor Tells Members of Legislature They Have Done Ad Things Well.

POINTED OUT NO MISTAKES

Gives Over Legislation and Praised Members For Abolishing Offices.

Complimenting the members of the legislature upon the laws which have been enacted at the present session in that they stand for economic state government and for the better interests of the people, Governor Williams today addressed the legislature in joint assembly before the final adjournment.